## **OPINION SUMMARY**

## MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

## **DIVISION FIVE**

STATE OF MISSOURI,	) No. ED100658
Respondent,	) Appeal from the Circuit Court ) of Jefferson County
vs.	)
PATRICK K. RUDOLPH,	) Honorable Raymond H. Dickhane
Appellant.	) Filed: March 10, 2015

Patrick K. Rudolph ("Defendant") appeals from the judgment of the trial court entered after a jury convicted him of two counts of the class A misdemeanor of assault of a corrections officer in the third degree, in violation of section 565.083, RSMo 2000. Specifically, Defendant contends the trial court plainly erred in not *sua sponte* ordering a mistrial after an alternate juror participated in jury deliberations. We affirm the judgment of the trial court.

## Division Five holds:

- (1) Defendant affirmatively waived appellate review of his claim of error as he endorsed the challenged action of the trial court.
- (2) The trial court did not plainly err in failing to *sua sponte* declare a mistrial as the record establishes the alternate juror's participation in deliberations was harmless and Defendant does not clearly demonstrate he suffered a manifest injustice.

Opinion by: Angela T. Quigless, C.J.

Lawrence E. Mooney, J., and Sherri B. Sullivan, J., Concurs.

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